



### **I've Applied...What's Next?**

Congratulations! You have taken the very important first step to going to college – you've applied! Here are some tips and reminders of tasks that you need to complete over the next several months. If you have questions, contact your school counselor.

#### **Paying Your Application Fee**

When you submit your application, you may be required to pay an application fee. If so, you can pay your application fee the following ways:

1. You can pay via credit or debit card online. Some colleges require a credit card to apply online. If you chose this option, you will need the following information: credit card type (Visa, MasterCard, etc.), credit card number, security code, name on credit card, date credit card was issued, or expiration date.
2. You can submit your application online and pay via check in the mail. You will likely need to include a copy of your confirmation page with your check.
3. You can choose the fee waiver option on most applications if you qualify for free or reduced lunch, or meet other requirements such as being a foster child. Check with your school counselor about this option. You will likely need to include a copy of your confirmation page with the fee waiver. **DO NOT CHOOSE FEE WAIVER OPTION IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY.**
4. You can save your application, print it, and mail it in with your payment or fee waiver.

#### **Follow Up with Transcripts, Test Scores, Recommendation Letters and Essays**

Many admission offices require students to submit additional information in order to complete the application process. You can send your transcript to any college for free via Indiana's e-Transcript. Check your high school website or ask your counselor about e-Transcript.

#### **Don't Forget Your Confirmation Page**

If you applied online, do not leave the computer lab without a hardcopy printout of your confirmation page! Also, some schools require this page to be signed and mailed to the admission office to complete the application process. Either way, make sure you put this confirmation page in a safe place. If you are applying by hard copy, be sure to make a copy of your application for your records.

#### **Schools Should Contact You!**

Once you have submitted your online application, campuses should be in touch with you via email or letter to inform you of the status of your application. Make sure to check your email! If you have not been contacted by the school within two weeks of your submission, get in touch with the college or university's admission office to inquire about your application status. Indiana college admissions contact information is online at <http://www.in.gov/collegeweeek/2471.htm>.

#### **Now that I applied to college, where can I learn more about paying for college?**

- Speak with your family and school counselor about your financial aid options, or visit [CashForCollegeIndiana.org](http://CashForCollegeIndiana.org).
- Complete and submit the FAFSA as early as possible. The sooner you submit the form, the better chance you have of getting an affordable financial aid package. It is available January 1 and Indiana's deadline for state aid is March 10.
- Mark your calendar for **FAFSA Friday on February 20** (live online at [FAFSAFriday.org](http://FAFSAFriday.org) at noon and 6 p.m., EST) and **College Goal Sunday on February 22** (in-person help at 40 locations statewide at 2 p.m. local time).

